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SUBJECT: SABAH INVOLVEMENT IN PLOT TO OVERTHROW MARCOS

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1. EVENING POST REPORTED THAT ON JULY 18 REINVESTIGATION PANEL TAKING TESTIMONY IN ALLEGED LOPE/OSMENA ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT MARCOS HEARD ATTORNEY PERFECTO DE LOS REYES CHARGE THAT UN MUSTAPHA HAD SUPPORTED REVOLUTION PLOTTED BY SENATOR SERGIO OSMENA. DE LOS REYES SAID HE HAD INTRODUCED OSMENA TO MUSTAPHA IN HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER 1969 WHEN THEY DISCUSSED THE SABAH CLAIM AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR OSMENA'S PRESIDENCY BID. QUID PRO QUP FOR MUSTAPHA SUPPORT WAS OSMENA'S UNDERTAKING TO SOFTEN OFFICIAL PHILIPPINE STAND ASSERTING SOVEREIGNTY OVER SABAH. DE LOS REYES TESTIFIED THAT MUSTAPHA GAVE OSMENA \$178,000 FOR HIS 1969 CAMPAIGN. OSMENA WAS REPORTEDLY DISAPPOINTED SINCE HE HAD EXPECTED \$15 MILLION.

2. DE LOS REYES ALSO IMPLICATED FORMER CONGRESSMAN AND NOW SO-CALLED PARAMOUNT SULTAN RASCID LUCMAN IN PLOT. LUCMAN ALLEGEDLY HAD 8000 MEN AVAILABLE IN LANA O AND SULU TO BE DEPLOYED AFTER OSMENA GAVE SIGNAL FOR REVOLT. OSMENA ALLEGEDLY PLANNED USE SABAH AS STAGING AREA FOR HIS REVOLUTIONARY EFFORT IN MINDANAO. LUCMAN ALSO

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SAID TO HAVE HAD SECRET AIR FORCE IN LANA O TO SUPPORT REBELS.

COMMENT: ACCOUNT OF TODAY'S REINVESTIGATION HEARING HAS APPEARED
SO FAR ONLY IN MERIMA POLOTAN'S EVENG POST. WITH TUN MUSTAPHA
REPORTEDLY ON ROPES IN HIS OWN BAILWICK, GOP MAY BELIEVE IT IS
USEFUL FURTHER DISCREDIT HIM BY LINKING HIM WITH
"REVOLUTION" PLOTTED BY SERGIO OSMENA, JR. INTRODUCTION OF
MUSTAPHA INTO LOPEZ/OSMENA ASSASSINATION PLOT REINVESTIGATION
IS BIZARRE, EVEN WHEN JUDGED AGAINST THE STANDARD WHICH HAS
APPLIED IN THESE HEARINGS.
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